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Hon. Richard J. Sullivan United States District Judge United States District Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 615 New York, New York 10007

Re: New York Times v. Dep't of Defense,

07 Civ. 7481 (RJS)

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I write respectfully on behalf of defendants United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Army (collectively, the "Government") to request a three-week extension of time, from September 28, 2007 until October 19, 2007, to answer, move or otherwise respond to the First Amended Complaint. Plaintiff has consented to this request. This is defendant's first request for an extension of time.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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SO ORDERED:

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